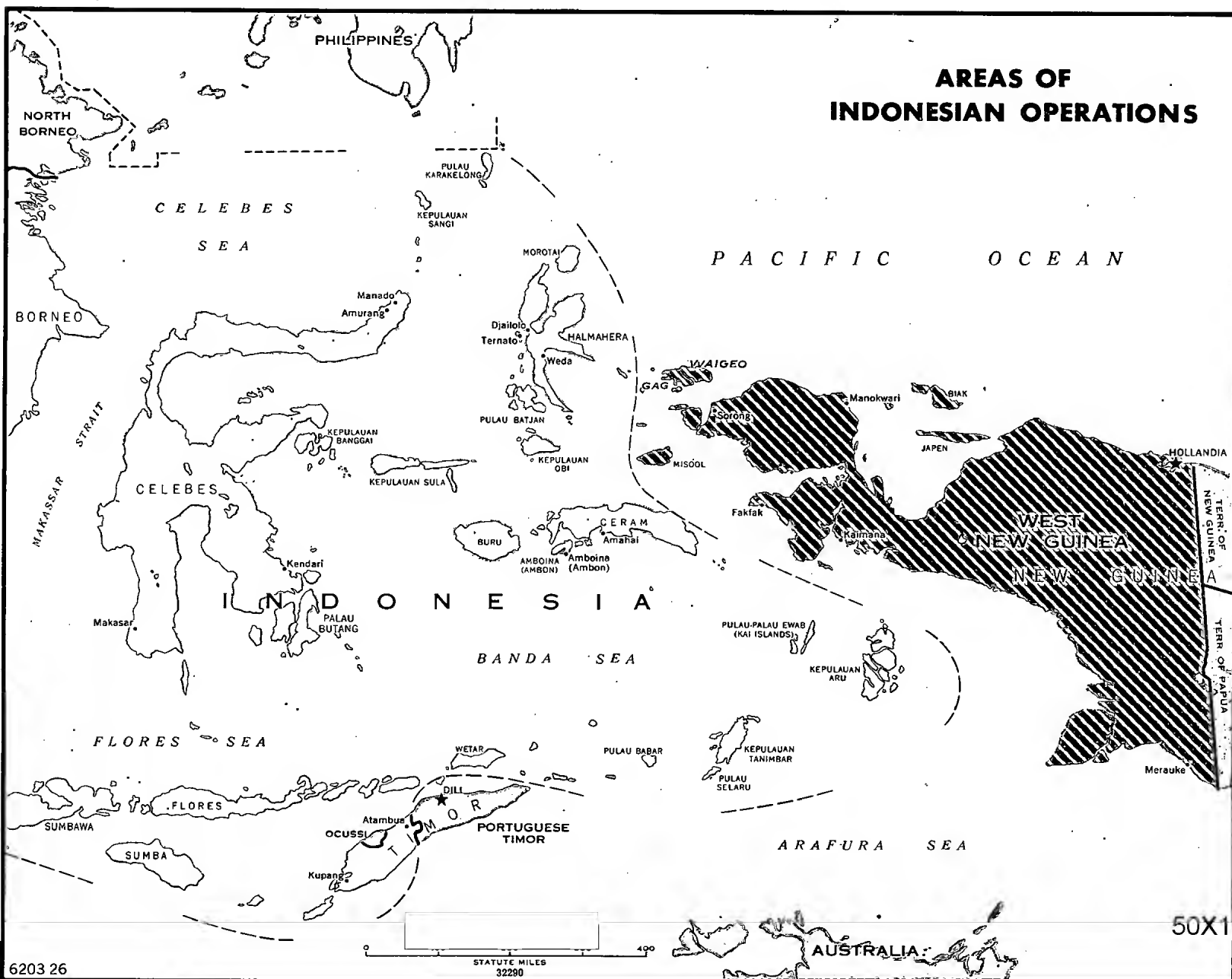


THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST



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1. West New Guinea

a. Indonesia has announced its withdrawal from the preliminary talks with the Dutch. The statement, presumably based on the Dutch unwillingness to agree immediately and without qualification to Indonesian terms, is only slightly softened by a declaration in that the action is not intended to "close the door completely to negotiations."

b. We have no further details on the incidents [redacted] yesterday, in 50X1 which the Dutch broke up a second infiltration attempt on the south coast. They are apparently moving to do something about the first, successful, landing on Waigeo Island. We do not yet know whether they have decided to reinforce. 50X1
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2. Frondizi hangs on

He has almost completed naming his new cabinet, but is finding little support for it. The navy, some army officers, the non-Peronista opposition and elements of his own party are demanding that he go. The bulk of the army, however, including the Buenos Aires garrison, is still riding with General Aramburu's mediation efforts. We do not believe Aramburu has made much progress; he apparently thinks the Peronista election victories should be allowed to stand, a suggestion the military will find difficult to swallow. Aramburu is to report to the nation tonight.

3. France-Algeria

The French public has reacted strongly against the OAS, and our Embassy believes that "it is inconceivable that the army will not now recognize the need to finish off the OAS." The army is continuing its methodical cleaning-out of the Babel-Oued district of Algiers and has moved into Oran, where there was heavy fighting yesterday. The OAS has so far not been seriously hurt by the Algiers action, but has probably suffered more in Oran. General Jouhaud, Salan's number two, was captured there yesterday. We believe, however, that most of the OAS hard-core trained forces have not yet been committed. The Algerians are moving rapidly to establish the provisional government.

4. Laos

Phoumi has shown no sign of give. Souvanna has declined the invitation to Vientiane which Harriman wrested from Phoumi Saturday, and has announced he will go to Paris the first week in April. He said he would return "if there were signs of progress."

RECENT MOVEMENT OF SOVIET MISSILE RANGE INSTRUMENTATION SHIPS (SMRIS)



USUAL DEPLOYMENT PATTERN
FOR ICBM TESTS - SMRIS LOCATED IN OR NEAR IMPACT AREA
FOR SPACE LAUNCHES - SMRIS DISPERSED ALONG INITIAL
ORBIT IN NORTHERN PACIFIC

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5. Soviet missile range ships sortie to the south

Three of the four have departed Vladivostok, and were sighted yesterday in the Straits of Tsushima. In previous movements into the Pacific they have always passed north of Japan. The reason for the change is not known; ice could be a factor, but we are playing with the possibility that the ships may be heading deep into the South Pacific or Indian Ocean for an ICBM shot at greatly extended range, perhaps over Antarctica, as part of the orchestration for Khrushchev's recent boast that the USSR has "global rockets" that can hit the US from the south.

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6. UN Security Council meets Wednesday on Syrian-Israeli dispute

Military forces on both sides of the border are in a high state of readiness. There is no evidence of an intent by either side to start anything, but Israeli Foreign Minister Meir is quoted as saying that "the Arabs only agree to peace if Israeli's strength is impressed upon them," an effect that Israel failed to achieve with the raid last week. The Syrians appear over-confident and Ambassador Knight fears "a collision of greater than incident proportions."

7. Congo

Adoula and Tshombé have come to a dead end. The latter seems willing to go on talking but insists any agreement he reaches must be ratified by the Katanga parliament. Adoula feels frustrated by his inability--and the UN's unwillingness--to apply sufficient pressure to Tshombé.

8. Berlin

Three Soviet flights were carried out in the corridors this morning. One was at 10,000 feet, the first at this altitude since 15 March. An Air France flight was in the corridor at 9,000 feet during the same period, and another Soviet protest may be forthcoming. There were no Soviet flights yesterday.

NOTES

- A. Communist military activity in Eastern Europe suggests preparation for large-scale exercises.
- B. President Diem has revoked an order to expel Homer Bigart of the New York Times, but insists on expelling Francois Sully of Newsweek for what he considers prejudiced reporting.
- C. Ambassador Kennan reports his impression that Yugoslav leaders are "in the throes of some sort of crisis of decision" on their economic problems which could involve their policy toward the US and USSR.
- D. Although no major new developments have been reported, the political situation in Venezuela is most uneasy, with extremists of both right and left increasingly active.
- E. The South Koreans are highly irritated over what they believe to be Japanese footdragging in the reparations negotiations.
- F. Quadros, having announced yesterday his intention to run for the governorship of Sao Paulo in October, last night announced his withdrawal from the race.

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